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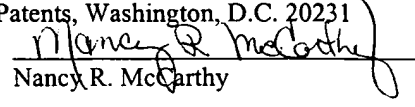
IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK

Applicants: Etienne Barnard, et al.  
Serial No.: 09/433,609  
Filed: November 2, 1999  
For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR DISCRIMINATIVE TRAINING OF  
ACOUSTIC MODELS OF A SPEECH RECOGNITION SYSTEM  
Examiner: Not Yet Assigned  
Art Unit: 2741

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PETITION FOR THREE MONTHS EXTENSION OF TIME

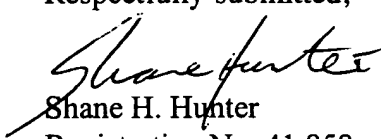
Sir:

Three months extension of time, to and including April 29, 2000, is requested for response to the Notice to File Missing Parts of Application mailed November 29, 1999.

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